



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: **SENIOR UTILITY ARBORIST**
Department: Power
Class Code: 7600
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Effective Date: July 1, 1982 (Rev. 07/2006)
Grade Number: 17

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general supervision from the Forestry Supervisor, performs supervisory and skilled Arborist work.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES

- *-- Supervises one or more Forestry Division crews in their daily activities; monitors daily work; records job site information and checks crew performance and records for accuracy and completeness. Evaluates employees, participates in hiring and disciplinary decisions.
- *-- Assists the Forestry Supervisor in determining specific tree care needs and work schedules; assists in employee training.
- *-- May be assigned to perform the duties and functions of the Forestry Supervisor when that person is absent.
- *-- Arranges pre-notification of public for forestry work on private property; obtains permission from property owners to do necessary line clearance and major street tree maintenance work; coordinates operations with other City departments on cooperative projects.
- *-- Inspects trucks, tools and equipment used in forestry and grounds maintenance, for safe condition and efficient operation, and coordinates necessary repairs.
- *-- Prunes, removes, and maintains trees and vegetation from conflict with overhead power lines and structures. Works around energized conductors to maintain and clear utility right-of-ways. Manually loads trucks with logs and other materials; cleans work areas; feeds chipper.

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- *-- Operates bucket trucks and other equipment around energized lines; climbs trees, operates chain saws, chipper, stump remover, dump trucks, hydraulic pruning tools, snowplow, backhoe, etc.
- *-- Plants, prunes and maintains City street trees and City park trees.
- *-- Instructs, trains, and supervises apprentice arborists in all phases of Forestry Division work assignments.
- *-- Responds to after hours emergency call outs, particularly for work on tree-related problems.
- Performs snow removal and landscaping duties as assigned.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

- Graduation from high school plus successful completion of the Murray City Power Arborist Apprenticeship Program and one (1) year experience as a fully trained arborist involved in "hands-on" utility line clearance work OR any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirements

- Must possess a valid Utah Commercial Driver License.
- Must be willing to respond to work related after hour call outs.
- Must possess a non-commercial Pesticide Applicator License from the State of Utah, Department of Agriculture.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Working knowledge of the objectives of the Murray City Power Forestry Program; working knowledge of various types of trees; working knowledge of tree planting, pruning, climbing and removal techniques; working knowledge of appropriate safety and first aid procedures; working knowledge of the hazards and safety practices associating with utility line clear work.
- Skill in the operation of specialized forestry equipment.

- Ability to perform strenuous physical activity; ability to work outside year-round; ability to work at heights up to 100 feet without undue discomfort; ability to communicate verbally and in writing; ability to create effective working relationships with employees and the public; ability to utilize safety procedures.

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT USED

- Motorized vehicles and equipment including pickup, dump truck, manlift, digger derrick, backhoe, pole climbing equipment, wire cutters, chain saw, and various hand tools, and other equipment pertaining to this position.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is frequently required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear. Employee is occasionally required to smell.
- The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. Must be able to meet DOT hearing standard requirements.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts in high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, ambient air, temperature extremes, fumes or airborne particles, traffic, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.
- The noise level in the work environment is usually high.

DEPT/DIVISION APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

H. R. DEPT. APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____

*Essential functions of the job.